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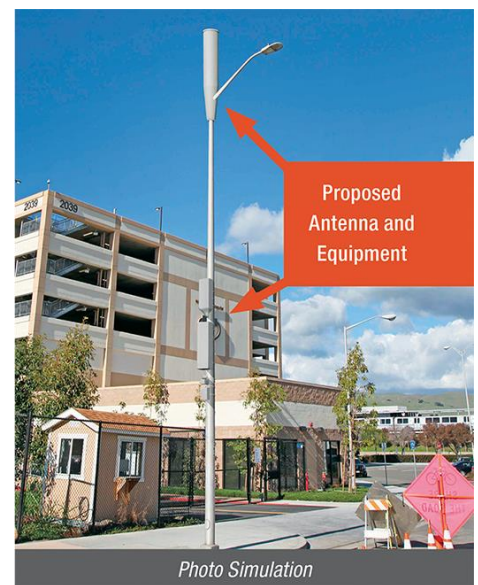
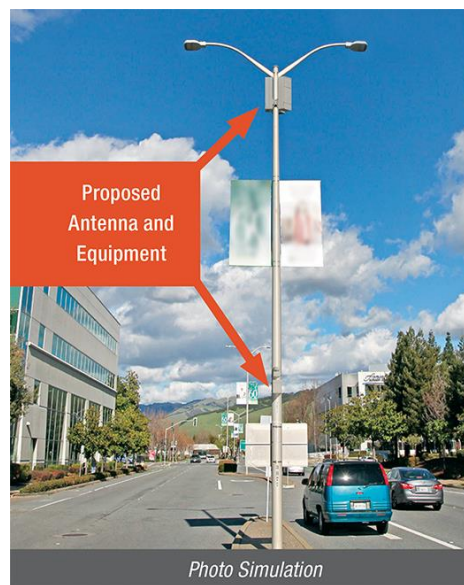
Future Small Cell Technology Deployment in Fremont

As wireless service providers expand 4G and 5G networks across the country by deploying small cell technology (a small antenna, radio, and other accessory equipment), the City of Fremont is working on a Master License Agreement (MLA) agreement with wireless providers to allow the placement of small cells facilities on City owned and operated street lights, excluding historic district and decorative light poles.

The deployment of small cell facilities will improve the speed and reduce gaps in data coverage for our community, as well as contribute to reducing blight in public spaces by ensuring no additional poles are constructed in the public right-of-way.

In September 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed a ruling to support the expansion of small cell technology and restrict the authority of state and local governments by allowing only regulation that preserves the public's health, safety, welfare, aesthetics, and infrastructure in the public right-of-way and prohibiting local agencies from denying wireless providers access to City owned light poles.

The City of Fremont plans to adhere to this federal mandate via the pending Master License Agreement, which will allow wireless service providers to install small cells on City infrastructure within the public right-of-way in a more expedited time frame.



From a health and safety perspective, the approved radiated emission levels from small cells meet the current accepted health and safety guidelines set by the FCC.

At the City Council Meeting on January 14, 2020, the Council will discuss the Master License Agreement template for telecommunications facilities. The City Council meeting will be held at Fremont City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A, in the Council Chambers starting at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/SmallCell or contact Kei Louie in the City's Engineering Division by email at ylouie@fremont.gov or by phone at 510-494-4727.

New Pet Licensing Hours at Tri-City Animal Shelter Starting January 2020

The Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Boulevard, will soon begin implementing more consistent hours for Fremont residents to license their pets in person. Effective January 7, 2020, the new licensing hours will align with the shelter's hours, making licensing available in person at the shelter's front counter during the following times:

- Tuesday–Friday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays

You can also license a new pet, renew an existing pet's license, and update information for you and your pet online at www.licensepet.com/fremont.

If you are a City of Fremont resident, your dog or cat is required to be licensed at 4 months of age or within 30 days of ownership or bringing the animal into the city. California state law requires the rabies vaccination to be effective during the entire licensing period.

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is Fremont's only open admissions shelter. The shelter accepts all stray, abandoned, or homeless pets residing in Fremont, Union City, Newark, and San Leandro regardless of age, breed, temperament, or medical condition. Fremont Animal Services provides public safety, licensing, and animal welfare in the community, while the shelter reunites pets with their owners, facilitates adoptions, networks animals to adoption partners, and provides owner education.

To learn more about the services provided by the Tri-City Animal Shelter, please visit www.TriCityAnimalShelter.org.



Fremont Hosts Census 2020 Kickoff Summit

The City of Fremont and Mayor Lily Mei hosted the Census 2020 Kickoff Summit on December 10, 2019 at Fremont City Hall. As Census 2020 approaches, this meeting served as a springboard to present an overview of the importance of



Census 2020 for the Fremont community and to provide for a strategy building session between leaders from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, the business community, and elected officials to ensure that each Fremont resident is counted. Mayor Mei kicked off the Summit with opening remarks and welcomed 40 attendees who represented Fremont community groups and elected officials, including the Fremont City Council, Congressman Rho Khanna's Office, Fremont Unified School District, the City's Senior Citizens Commission, Alameda County Library, Afghan Coalition, Eden Housing, CityServe, Muslim Support Network, Pathway Community Church, Bay Area Baptist Church, and more.

The United States Census gives Fremont data about the community, informs the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding, and determines the number of decision-makers representing our community. Essential services such as healthcare, school programs, housing, transportation, social services, and more could be greatly impacted if the Census count is inaccurate. For every person not counted, the community loses \$10,000 over the next ten years. Census 2020 presents new challenges as the first digital Census and an increased public fear of the federal government. The City of Fremont will use the information gathered at the Kickoff Summit to inform Census outreach activities and will continue reaching out to community organizations to serve as a resource and partner when the Census count begins in March 2020.

For more information about the City's Census 2020 efforts, contact Management Analyst Amanda Gallo at agallo@fremont.gov or 510-284-4016. For more information about Alameda County's Census efforts, visit www.acgov.org/census2020.

Fremont's Tobacco Retail License Program Now in Effect

In October, the Fremont City Council voted unanimously to establish a Tobacco Retail License program for Fremont, joining over 150 California municipalities with similar programs. This program was implemented to ensure that retailers comply with tobacco control laws to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Fremont community and to limit youth access to tobacco products.

As part of the program, a new City ordinance became effective November 8, 2019 and includes the following requirements:

- Any retailer who sells tobacco products needs to acquire an annual no-cost Tobacco Retail License from the City.
- Flavored tobacco products are banned in Fremont. These products can include, but are not limited to, flavored: cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, little cigars, Swishers, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, hookah, e-cigarette cartridges, e-juice, JUUL pods, and other flavored components for vaporizers.
- Cigarettes must be sold in packs of 20, at a minimum price of \$8.
- Cigars (this includes cigarillos/little cigars) must be sold in packs of 5, at a minimum price of \$8.
- Single cigars already sold at \$5 are permitted.

All state-licensed tobacco retailers in Fremont were notified of the new program by mail, and the City also conducted in-person workshops to help answer any questions. In addition, a comprehensive FAQs document has been created to provide additional details about the new program.

To view the FAQs document and learn more about the Tobacco Retail License program, please visit www.Fremont.gov/TobaccoRetailLicense.

East Bay EDA Announced Finalists for 8th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards

Two Fremont-based Organizations Make the List

On December 12, 2019, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) announced the Finalists for their 8th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards. Among the finalists are two Fremont-based organizations: battery technology company Enovix in the category of Engineering and Ohlone College in the category of Education for their new Smart Manufacturing curriculum. Awardees will be announced at the awards ceremony on March 26, 2020 at the historic Fox Theater in Oakland. More than 200 East Bay companies and organizations were nominated, showcasing the best examples of innovation in product development, services, and processes. This robust list was reviewed by subject matter experts and narrowed down to 14 finalists in ten competitive categories. Nominees from across Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be highlighted at the awards ceremony on March 26, 2020 and Awardees will be revealed that evening.

For more information go to <http://bit.ly/2PeizkX>.

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